

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## History of Activity, All Reviews, Division III - 2009 to 2013

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	2009	2010	% Chg (9)	2011	% Chg (9)	2012	% Chg (9)	2013	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,005	885	-11.9 %	921	4.1 %	844	-8.4 %	770	-8.8 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	90	69	-23.3 %	97	40.6 %	94	-3.1 %	67	-28.7 %
Opinions Unpublished	240	171	-28.8 %	227	32.7 %	209	-7.9 %	207	-1 %
Opinions	330	240	-27.3 %	324	35 %	303	-6.5 %	274	-9.6 %
Dismissed	163	171	4.9 %	136	-20.5 %	179	31.6 %	138	-22.9 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	7	14	. %	8	. %	7	. %	8	. %
Review Not Accepted	6	6	. %	2	. %	3	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	3	8	. %	8	. %	7	. %	8	. %
Orders	179	199	11.2 %	154	-22.6 %	196	27.3 %	154	-21.4 %
Decided on Merits	108	96	-11.1 %	79	-17.7 %	75	-5.1 %	88	17.3 %
Dismissed	159	149	-6.3 %	151	1.3 %	144	-4.6 %	135	-6.3 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	62	53	-14.5 %	50	-5.7 %	57	14 %	50	-12.3 %
Other Terminations	29	27	. %	24	. %	22	. %	21	. %
Rulings	358	326	-8.9 %	305	-6.4 %	298	-2.3 %	294	-1.3 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	537	525	-2.2 %	459	-12.6 %	494	7.6 %	448	-9.3 %
Total Resolved	867	765	-11.8 %	783	2.4 %	797	1.8 %	722	-9.4 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	67	75	11.9 %	89	18.7 %	52	-41.6 %	56	7.7 %
Brief Not Filed	330	281	-14.8 %	338	20.3 %	288	-14.8 %	287	-0.3 %
Appellant Brief Filed	101	86	-14.9 %	92	7 %	98	6.5 %	90	-8.2 %
Respondent Brief Filed	138	140	1.4 %	152	8.6 %	190	25 %	142	-25.3 %
Remanded to Trial Court	9	3	. %	3	. %	6	. %	7	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	89	89	0 %	70	-21.3 %	77	10 %	101	31.2 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	0	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	8	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	42	44	4.8 %	32	-27.3 %	43	34.4 %	54	25.6 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	776	718	-7.5 %	777	8.2 %	754	-3 %	745	-1.2 %
Opinion/Order in Process	27	83	. %	77	-7.2 %	75	-2.6 %	74	-1.3 %
Total Pending Decision	803	801	-0.2 %	854	6.6 %	829	-2.9 %	819	-1.2 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	376	310	-17.6 %	359	15.8 %	315	-12.3 %	302	-4.1 %
Order Terminating Review	222	227	2.3 %	198	-12.8 %	217	9.6 %	156	-28.1 %
Ruling Terminating Review	439	398	-9.3 %	360	-9.5 %	336	-6.7 %	326	-3 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	4	7	. %	2	. %	4	. %	2	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	665	632	-5 %	560	-11.4 %	557	-0.5 %	484	-13.1 %
Total Mandated	1,041	942	-9.5 %	919	-2.4 %	872	-5.1 %	786	-9.9 %

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